

Performance Reports/Decorations Guide

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Enlisted Performance Report

There are few things that contribute more to maintaining a quality-enlisted corps than clear and correct documentation of individual performance. The Enlisted Performance Report (EPR) is the primary vehicle for doing this; it is the tool used to evaluate performance, promote the right people, and assign them where they'll help us the most. Writing effective EPRs comes down to one thing--using words that paint an accurate picture in the mind of the reader. With EPRs, that means helping the reader "see" the performance of the individual you are writing about. The more animated and the distinct words, the better chance the EPR has of "coming to life" in the mind of the reader. EPRs are read by personnel managers, supervisors, and commanders, as well as reviewed by senior NCO promotion board members. Key decisions about an individual's career are derived from information in the EPR. With this in mind, it pays to carefully construct EPRs so they communicate effectively in a varied audience over time. Well-written EPRs make clear exactly what the individual did to make the organization better--a powerful statement of one individual's impact on mission accomplishment.

Since performance reports are the only means through which supervisors communicate and identify their top performers and clearly document outstanding efforts, our goal is to provide supervisors with guidance on how to write effective EPRs. This guide is not a replacement for AFI 36-2403, The Enlisted Evaluation System (EES). Rather, it offers suggestions for preparing effectively written reports, highlighting and illustrating both good and weak techniques when it comes to writing EPRs. It is not intended to be a menu to pick and choose from, but should provide insight into what type of comments are effective in communicating an individual's performance and potential.

Additional information about the Enlisted Evaluation System (EES) may be obtained on the AFPC Home Page of the World Wide Web (WWW) at http://www.afpc.af.mil.

Helpful Hints

Do's

- 1. Emphasize the value of performance feedback—not only in the context of compliance with the Enlisted Evaluation System, but also as a primary means of enhancing the career path of the ratee. Focus on observable, job-specific performance. The ratee must know what is expected and what areas need improvement. There should never be any surprises when the report becomes final.
- 2. Write reports in reverse order. Save the most important achievements for inclusion by an indorsing official. Put some of the most important, hard-hitting comments in the indorser's comments. For example, if you have facts concerning wing level awards/recognition, save them for the wing commander. Then write the rater's rater's comments and finish with the rater's comments. Remember that indorsers are usually higher in the organizational chain and now must be personally aware of specific accomplishments of the ratee. Tailor comments appropriate to the level of command, reflecting the concerns of the indorser. When you write a bullet ensure that it provides an answer to the following:
 - What was done
 - How well was it done
 - What was the result
- 3. Write timely, accurate reports that reflect enthusiastic support for a quality member.
- 4. Begin your bullets with strong, action-oriented words; for example: created, devised, established, organized/published. If possible, use all available space.
- 5. Focus on results, not just activity. Use specific examples to demonstrate impact of actions.
 - Activity
 - -- Results
- 6. Remember promotion recommendations are allowed and encouraged, along with off-duty education, PME, and other areas of personal development.
- 7. Wing Due dates for EPR/OPR are as follows:
 - -30 days before closeout for all SRI
- 8. Use the first as introductory with stratification and a closure line with recommendation. Remember, every profession has it's own common language that's often not understood by those outside this profession

Don'ts

1. Don't use technical terms, acronyms, or jargon people will not understand. Use language anyone, regardless of position or AF specialty can understand.

- 2. Don't wait until the report is due to prepare the EPR. Well-written EPRs aren't written on the spur of the moment. Allow yourself time to edit the report several times to refine it.
- 3. For those individuals with potential for the next higher grade, avoid using coined or stock phrases like "One of my best," "Challenge with greater responsibilities," "Promote ahead of contemporaries," etc. These phrases are considered generic and could be used on just about anybody's EPR.

Evaluation of Performance (Section III):

Ensure markings reflect true word picture in the body of the EPR.

Promotion Recommendation (Section IV):

Markings should correspond with ratings in section III.

Rater's Comments (Section V):

The first and last lines of this section are the most important. Write from the bottom up. Place strongest and most important statement in the last line. One strategy is to use the first line to show how this member stacks up against his/her peers. The middle should then build toward the last line, where you provide an overall assessment, a recommendation for the person's next job. Use it judiciously! "My #1 MSgt out of 33" will send a very strong message. However, if you game the system by calling one your #1 and the next your best, you may send a negative signal. Stratify wisely!

The rater's comments should include significant awards and achievements. Write in bullet format. This is your evaluation of the person as a whole.

Important note: Don't compare outside your level. If you are a flight commander, only compare the ratee to others in your flight. The squadron commander can compare within the squadron; only the wing commander can say "best in the wing," and only CSAF can say "best in the Air Force." The exception would be if an individual won an AF-level award. In that case, you could say the person was the "Best (category) in the AF" based on the title of the award. Comparing outside your area of qualification dilutes your credibility as a rater. Don't bury PME, award winnings, etc., in the middle of the block.

NOTE: In your supervisory, you may rank an individual against those you have supervised as in "Best SMSgt I've worked with in my 21 years"

Additional Rater's Comments (Section VI) (AF Form 911 ONLY)

Additional raters use this section to support their rating decisions. If the rater's rater is the final evaluator, type in the indorser block "This Section Not Used" and initial the unused signature block.

If the additional rater agrees (marks the "concur" block) with the rater, then the additional rater provides information that adds meaning to the EPR and is compatible with the ratings in Sections III and IV.

If the additional rater disagrees (marks the "nonconcur" block) with the rater, then the additional rater must provide comments, including one or more specific reasons for disagreeing. The additional rater initials the blocks that they deem appropriate.

Reviewer's Comments (Section VII):

The reviewer may be no higher in the organizational structure than the senior rater. The senior rater is 70IW/CC.

Place stratifying comments in first line of SR's block. (eg. Top 5 %, #1 intel analyst, My #1 of 25 MSgts; SNCO of the Qtr, etc)

Bullet Examples

EPR - AF FORM 911 (MSgt and above)

Good Examples:

- Proactive leader...exemplary supervisor who led the best shop in the squadron
- All three of our trainees were fully qualified in minimum time; result...unprecedented customer service
- Continued to excel in all facets of his duties...capable & ready to be a SMSgt; SNCOA in residence a must!

Weak Examples:

- Established long term programs to improve support to our customers--our stockage and issue effectiveness ratings were consistently the high in ACC and in the Air Force throughout the year (no potential??)
- -- He has essentially eliminated situations where stock requisition is not in the pipeline for his customers (WHAT??)

<u>OPENING COMMENTS</u>: In writing good opening lines, you want to make sure you convey exceptional leadership and duty performance; hard-hitting facts and figures and include professional experience and potential to work at a higher level. Here are some examples of bullets that show those qualities.

Good Examples:

- Stellar performer and manager...MSgt Smith has produced exceptional results over the past year
- -- Established alliances between branches throughout the squadron--resulted in a 50% improvement in communications successes, leading to better service to our customers

- An excellent leader and trainer--inspired her branch to reduce our excess percentage to 35 percent, lowest in the history of this account—trained and motivated –produced results
- Superb results are the hallmark of this exceptional leader...motivated his branch and serviced the customer

Weak Examples:

- Aggressively devoted many hours of off-duty time to ensure the unit's training requirements were met (could not do it during regular duty hours? how many hours?)
- Great, well-rounded individual; thrives on stress (no experience, leadership??)

<u>CLOSING COMMENTS</u>: When writing closing bullets, remember to include stratification. Show how the ratee stands out among peers. Highlight leadership abilities, duty performance, and recognition earned, showing impact on mission; promotion included.

Good Examples:

- Led her branch to new heights by providing supply support to the entire base mission...they improved key processes resulting in more repair parts for maintainers in virtually all areas
- Epitome of the professional SNCO; top 2 percent of my master sergeants; a must for SMSgt and SNCOA
- My # 1 SMSgt out of 100, my #1 in my wing/NAF, etc. Reward this hardworking person with another name, Chief!
- I've said it before, and I'll say it again, if you've got one set of stripes for Chief, XXXX has earned it!

Weak Examples: Lacks impact with adjectives rather than facts and figures.

- Produced the stats that made us one of the best in ACC. Promote (What is his position amongst his peers?)
 - My #1 in terms of service before self (no accomplishments?)

Other tips:

- Where possible, stratify what number of total, (1 of ___, Top 1%)
 - Use common sense when stratifying (i.e., Top 20%!)
 - Be honest with your stratification don't get caught speeding
- Where push is warranted, ensure that appropriate comments are provided in both the rater and senior rater blocks
- Avoid use of fluff/filler statements
- When writing, use the first line to set the stage (grab attention) and stratify the individual

- Each subordinate line should tell a complete story in as few words as possible covering (1) what the person did, (2) how they did it, (3) impact and (4) result
- Last line is a closure statement with recommendation usually placed at the end of the line

CONCLUSION: This guide will assist in the preparation and processing of evaluations. It should be used in conjunction with AFI 36-2406, and the Tongue and Quill, June 1997. The POCs for EPRs/OPRs are servicing MPFs and 70 IW/CCEA, DSN 622-0070 or COMM 301-677-0070.

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70 IW COMMON ERRORS IN EPRs/OPRs

- 1. Forward reports with indorsement filled in along with EPR shell, 70 IW/CC for senior rater indorsement form—due to 70 IW/CCEA NLT 7 days after closeout.
- 2. A late letter with a complete explanation must accompany reports after the due date. Blanket statements like "administrative oversight" or form letters are not acceptable.
- 3. The name in Section I, Identification Data, must be in all CAPS. Refer to AFI 36-2406, Table 3.2.
- 4. Information on the report must match what is on the shell. If it doesn't match the report shell, you must provide the proper documentation or printout of PC-III update.
- 5. Per AFPC/Enlisted Policy Branch, reports must be re-dated with the actual date they are resigned (not the date the report was first signed/dated). Refer to AFI 36-2406, paragraph 3.12.11.
- 6. Ensure signature blocks are consistent; (i.e., same use of country, "England" or "United Kingdom"). NOTE: Report must match the shell.
- 7. Verify correct usage of a dash; -- vs ---. Refer to Tongue and Quill, page 236.
- 8. Use correct form of an ellipsis, with no spaces before and after when used in text (...). Refer to Tongue and Quill page 239. Be consistent throughout the report
- 9. Use exclamation points sparingly. No other punctuation should be used to end a bullet statement.
- 10. Ensure consistent bullet alignment.
- 11. Take note of commas in a series. Tongue and Quill, page 231, states the Air Force' preferred way is open punctuation. Whatever you choose, must be consistent.
- 12. Be careful with percentages. Example: Top 1% of 850 is 8.
- 13. Type wing identification as "70 IW" or "70th Intelligence Wing" when used in the text.
- 14. Spell out words when used the first time, with the abbreviation placed in () using all CAPS immediately after the spell-out. The abbreviation may then be used alone throughout the rest of the report.
- 15. Limit acronyms. When using acronyms, use ONLY those familiar Air Force-wide.
- 16. Use correct capitalization of Operations and Exercises; (i.e. Operation DESERT STORM, Exercise TANDUM THRUST). Actual name should be in all caps.
- 17. Operating Locations should list Block 8 as follows: EXAMPLE: OL-CX, 70th Intelligence Wing (ACC), Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

EPR CHECKLIST

ALL EPR PACKAGES SHOULD INCLUDE:

- 1. EPR (softcopy from 373 IG and 543 IG) 694 IG should provide hardcopy
- 2. EPR SHELL
- 3. 70 IW SRI Form
- 4. ANY PC-III UPDATE AS APPROPRIATE

Section I - Ratee Identification Data (all of the information in this section should be obtained from the EPR Shell):

- Block 1: NAME all caps
- Block 2. SSN from shell (new form automatically puts in dashes)
- Block 3. Grade from shell (new form automatically puts inappropriate case)
- Block 4. DAFSC from shell
- Block 5. Organization, Command, Location (91 Intelligence Squadron (ACC), Fort George G. Meade, Maryland)
- Block 6a. PAS Code from shell (FT0U with a zero versus FT0U)
- Block 6b. SRID 1C88J
- Block 7. Period of Report from shell
- Block 8. No. Days Supervision from shell
- Block 9. Reason for Report from shell

Section II - Job Description

Block 1. Duty Title - must match the EPR shell exactly (if incorrect, update in PC-III and attach updated paperwork)

- If acronym is used on the shell, spell out in this area (space permitting)

Block 2. Key Duties, Tasks, and Responsibilities:

- Although narrative or bullet format is correct, the preferred 70 IW format is for duty descriptions to be written in narrative format
- List major tasks in the job
- Quantify to the greatest extent possible
- Mention resources (\$\$\$) worked, number of personnel affected, program types
- Be specific but use clear, common terminology
- Limit additional duties to the top one or two and in all caps. (ADDITIONAL DUTIES: Equipment Custodian)

Section III - Evaluation of Performance

- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically.

Section IV - Promotion Recommendation

- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically.

Section V - Rater's Comments

- Use bullet statements; incomplete sentences beginning with a verb, no periods
 - -- WHAT the individual did
 - -- HOW it was accomplished
 - -- RESULTS/IMPACT of the action
 - -- Should be in past tense
 - --- Start bullets one space after dash
 - --- Start 2nd line of a bullet under the first letter of the previous line
 - --- No three line bullets
 - --- Use sub-bullets to expand on single bullet impact line (no more than two sub-bullets)
- Too much "white space" can send a negative message
- Avoid superfluous punctuation and do not capitalize whole words, bold print, or italicize
- When using dashes within bullets, use two with no spaces between dashes and the words; when using ellipsis, use three with no spaces between

EPR CHECKLIST CONT.

- This is the heart of the report--state ratee's specific role; did they orchestrate efforts of others; how many people; how many systems; values at \$?; how did the mission benefit from improvements; completed on time, ahead of time? Search for the impact! A well-written report is all muscle--no fat/fluff. Ideally, each major action/impact should be captured on a single line
- Comments must be compatible with ratings in blocks III & IV
- Finish with a strong bullet!
- Do not sign before close-out date

Performance Feedback Accomplished Dates

- Enter the date the most recent feedback session was conducted
 - -- If ratee should have received feedback, but did not, give an honest plausible reasons why.
- If no feedback was required, enter N/A

Section VI/VII - Additional Rater's Comments/Reviewer's Comments

- Opening line is critical--open with a 2-4 word punch! Follow immediately with a strong accomplishment
- You may use "impact mission" bullets or "job description" statements, but do not repeat verbatim--amplify
- Make each line count--combine small bullets to fill out each line
- Closing line is critical--summarize leadership or communication skills, assessment of future potential, assignment recommendation, appropriate level of PME, and PME recommendation
- Ensure the Concur/Nonconcur block(s) are X'd
- If the Additional rater is the final evaluator, type: **THIS SECTION NOT USED.**
- Do not sign before close-out date.

Signature Block Sections (See example below)

- Ensure the date is handwritten and that it is on or after the closeout date
- Enter the SSN (enter last 4 digits of the SSN)
- Ensure it is signed in ink

JOHN B. DOE, Capt, USAF 22d Intelligence Squadron (ACC) Fort George G. Meade, Maryland (only "Colonel" is spelled out)

- If commander signed as evaluator/rater, just type N/A in signature block (not necessary to have the commander sign again)

Section VIII - Final Evaluator's Position

- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically

Section IX - Time In-Grade Eligible

- If eligible, Use Formflow to mark the block automatically.
- For a CMSgt, or CMSgt select, type N/A

SAMPLE SIGNATURE BLOCKS:

70 IW/CC

JAMES O. POSS, Colonel, USAF 70th Intelligence Wing (ACC) Fort George G. Meade, Maryland Commander 4130

70 IW/CV

COLTON MCKETHAN, Colonel, USAF 70th Intelligence Wing (ACC) Fort George G. Meade, Maryland Vice Commander 6881

Completed EPRs:

- CCEA will forward the signed original EPR to the members servicing MPF to be updated in MILMOD and sent to AFPC to be filed in the member's record.
- CCEA will send a email to the groups (373 IG, 543 IG and 694 IG) informing them that the EPR is complete. If the groups need a copy of the EPR, they should contact their servicing MPF.
- CCEA will update spreadsheet to reflect final status, then file in folder.

SAMPLE ACTION VERBS

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Expertly crafted Shrewd leadership Performed brilliantly

Superb assessment Without peer Pivotal contributor

Sole architect Firestarter Top-notch

Jump started Inspirational leadership Energized

Keenly adept Masterfully orchestrated Totally dominated

Artfully blended Critical influence Unsurpassed excellence

My very best Results are the hallmark Significantly outperformed

100% accurate Unbounded potential Truly superb

My number one There is no better Does it all

Well-rounded Unique expertise Absolutely first-rate

Flawlessly performed Spearheaded Continuously surpasses

Innovativeness Constantly amazes Clearly superior

The obvious choice Brought to life Diligent efforts

Extremely able or capable Hard charging Multitalented

There is no other Outstanding initiative Rapidly mastered

Invaluable contributions Best I've ever seen Premier leadership

Remarkable transformation Miraculously recovered Dynamic and makes a difference

Exemplary performance Outshines peers Extraordinarily capable

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Preferred way

SNCO vs Senior NCO

Either way – just stay consistent

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Ellipses: Consistency is the key. Space before and space after has been the rule.

Senior Rater Checklist: Must be included with all EPRs

Late Letters: Must be included in all reports if not received by suspense regardless of endorsement level

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Duty Title and RIPS: RIPS are needed for all reports regardless of who is endorsing. Duty title must match RIP or include change made through proper channel.

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70 Intelligence Wing Senior Rater Indorsement Worksheet

Ratees Rank and Name:
Date of Rank:
Weight Management: Yes/No
Unfavorable Information File: Yes/No
Last EPR Indorsement Level: Senior Rater/Senior Rater Deputy/Intermediate Level Lower Level
Senior NCO Academy: Yes/No Correspondence/In-Residence
Group CC Comments

One Page Guide for Writing SNCO EPRs

- Blocks I is predetermined, based upon the rating chain and unit of assignment at the close out date Block II is written in present tense prose, with s/he being the implied subject for all sentences.
- Blocks IV, V, and VI are written in bullets. These bullets should either have two clauses (an action clause and an impact clause), or an opening descriptor (e.g. "Superb leader") followed by the action and impact clauses. Occasionally the action clause is written as a primary bullet (with or without an opening descriptor) followed by an impact sub-bullet.

Hints: With rare exception there should not be more than one sub-bullet attached to any primary bullet With rare exception, each line should be a primary bullet or sub-bullet, avoid wrap-arounds Fill out the line as completely as possible, over four spaces may be excessive "white space" A void using acronyms that are not universal to the Air Force, instead provide a description (e.g. NTI is not well understood outside of this wing, let alone by pilots, maintainers, etc.)

Avoid using names of operations, instead describe the operation for the reader 5 years from now (e.g. few readily recall Operation ALLIED FORCE, but most remember the Kosovo War) Opening line should include stratification (more important in block VII) (e.g. top 5% ofxxx SNCOs, top 10 of xxx MSgts)

At least one line in each block should focus on leadership



OFFICER PERFORMANCE REPORTS

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ALL OPR PACKAGES SHOULD INCLUDE:

- 1. OPR (softcopy from 373 IG and 543 IG) 694 IG please provide hardcopy OPRs (except Lt Col and above we need hardcopy and softcopy to forward to AIA for review)
- 2. OPR SHELL
- 3. Copies of PC-III updates as appropriate
- 4. Push note from the SQ/CC and GP/CC

Section I - Ratee Identification Data (all of the information in this section should be obtained from the OPR Shell):

- Block 1: Name all caps
- Block 2. SSN from shell (new form automatically puts in dashes)
- Block 3. Grade from shell (new form automatically puts in appropriate case)
- Block 4. DAFSC from shell
- Block 5. Period of Report from shell
- Block 6. No. Days Supervision from shell
- Block 7. Reason for Report from shell
- Block 8. Organization, Command, Location (e.g. 32d Intelligence Squadron (ACC), Fort George G. Meade, Maryland)
- Block 9. PAS Code all caps (FT0U with a zero vs FTOU)

Section II - Unit Mission Description

- Use the approved unit mission description for your squadron
- Must be narrative format

Section III - Job Description

Block 1. Duty Title - must match the OPR shell exactly (if incorrect, update in PC-III attach updated paperwork)

- If acronym is used on the shell, spell out in this area (space permitting)

Block 2. Key Duties, Tasks, and Responsibilities:

- Use narrative format--short, hard hitting and to the point
- List major tasks in the job
- Quantify to the greatest extent possible
- Mention resources (\$\$\$) worked, number of personnel affected, program types
- Be specific but use clear, common terminology
- Limit additional duties to the top one or two

Section IV - Impact on Mission Accomplishment

- Promotion comments are **prohibited**
 - -- Promotion recommendations are any comments, either direct or implied, that refer to a higher grade
 - -- You may use recommendations for a particular assignment, or retention
- Term "senior" is specifically prohibited--refers to colonels or general officers
- Use bullet statements; incomplete sentences beginning with a verb, no periods
 - -- WHAT the individual did
 - -- HOW it was accomplished
 - -- RESULTS/IMPACT of the action
 - --- Start bullets one space after dash
 - --- Start 2nd line of a bullet under the first letter of the previous line
 - --- No three line bullets
 - --- Use sub-bullets to expand on single bullet impact line (no more than two sub-bullets)
- If you leave "white spaces" be advised it can send a negative message
- When using dashes within bullets, use two with no spaces between dashes and the words; when using ellipsis, use three with no spaces between
- This is the heart of the report--state ratee's specific role; did they orchestrate efforts of others; how many people; how many systems; values at \$?; how did the mission benefit from

improvements; completed on time, ahead of time? Search for the impact! A well-written report is all muscle--no fat/fluff. Ideally, each major action/impact should be captured on a single line

Section V - Performance Factors

- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically

Section VI - Rater Overall Assessment

- Opening line is critical--open with a HOOK (2-4 word punch) Follow immediately with a stratifaction.
- You may use "impact mission" bullets or "job description" statements, but do not repeat verbatim--amplify
- Closing line is critical--summarize leadership or communication skills, assessment of future potential, assignment recommendation, appropriate level of PME, and PME recommendation

Last Performance Feedback Accomplished Date

- Indicate date last performance feedback was accomplished
- -- If not accomplished, enter reason why under date line
- Date of performance feedback has to be within the dates of the report, and after the date of supervision

Section VII - Additional Rater Overall Assessment

- Make each line count! Combine small bullets to fill out each line
- Opening is just as critical as the Rater's stratification
- Closing line is the other critical element. Close with a summary of leadership or communication skills, assessment of future potential, assignment and/or level school recommendations. Should be hard hitting, stand-alone, accomplishment/impact bullets!
- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically

Section VIII - Reviewer

- Use Formflow to mark the block automatically
- If the reviewer is also the rater or additional rater. Place comments in section VI or VII, as appropriate, depending on whether the reviewer is also the rater or additional rater. Do not place comments in section VIII

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Signature Block Sections

- The duty title should be initial caps
- Ensure the date is handwritten or typed and that it is on or after the closeout date
- Enter the SSN (NOTE: Enter the last 4 digits of the SSN only)
- Ensure it is signed in ink

(i.e.)

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Completed OPRS

- CCEA will be forward the signed original OPR to the members servicing MPF to be updated in MILMOD and sent to AFPC to be filed in the member's records
- CCEA will send an e-mail to the group(s) (373 IG, 543 IG and 694 IG) informing them that the OPR is complete. If the groups need a copy of the OPR, they should contact their servicing MPF

The following forms are used in the OES process:

AF Form 724, Performance Feedback Worksheet (PFW)
724A is for major - colonel (version 1)
724B is for lieutenant - captain (version 1)
AF Form 707A [version 3], Field Grade Officer Performance Report (OPR)
AF Form 707B [version 3], Company Grade Officer Performance Report (OPR)

The purpose of the OPR is to record the evaluation of an officer's performance over a specific period. OPRs provide a permanent, long-term record of an officer's performance and potential based upon their performance.

Writing Tips:

- ❖ The OPR must clearly illustrate both abilities and potential
- ❖ The focus should be an accurate assessment of performance and recommendation for the next level of responsibility
- * Record performance in dynamic terms Instead of "proficient," use "undisputed expert"
- ❖ Focus on results, not just activity Instead of ... "improved turnaround time," use "increased sortie rates by 12% and saved \$30,000/month"
- Use terms understood across the Air Force
- Focus on primary duty performance rather than additional duties
- ❖ Save impact bullets for last... "DG SOS," "Company Grade Officer of the Year," etc.

The keys to a well-written performance report are clarity, action, and tone. Clarity ensures the readers understand what the writer meant. Action keeps the focus on what the ratee did, and tone conveys how much the author values the ratee's contributions. Follow a simple, logical progression in each bullet statement. The most common and successful pattern is: What the ratee did, how the ratee did it, and the impact of that action.

Finer Points for Clarity

- Use the simplest terms possible to describe your unit's mission and your people's accomplishments.
- ❖ Spell out full titles the first time they appear and include the acronym in parenthesis after it.
- ❖ Avoid ambiguous terms

- ❖ Present strong evidence for strong statements. Kudos like "Best in the Air Force" are credible only when backed up with facts like Air Force and DoD-level awards.
- ❖ Cut extraneous words; be specific. This sharpens the impact of your words and saves space. This shows impact and lends emphasis to your statements.
- Ask someone outside of your organization to read the report and give you their impression of it. If this reader understands it, chances are board members will too.

The easiest way to emphasize the ratee's action is to write in active voice.

Passive/Active Examples:

Active - Single-handedly processed 350 claims in 3 weeks to quickly resettle Clark AB evacuees

Passive - 350 claims were processed by 2d Lt Sharp single-handedly in 3-week period, helping Clark AB evacuees to resettle quickly

Active - Developed database to provide previously unavailable customer requirement data - saves time!

Passive - Has developed a database that provides previously unavailable data for projecting customer requirements - an important aid in achieving effective utilization of man-hours!

Word Choice

Another factor in emphasizing action is your choice of verbs and descriptive words. Vivid verbs make your comments compelling. Bland verbs do not.

The same principle applies to the other characterizing words. Strong descriptive words leave a lasting impression with readers. Dull and monotonous accounts of what someone did give your reader the impression the person you're talking about is average at best. Differentiation is very important. There are appropriate times to use less impressive statements, but be sure you have made a conscious decision about the message you want to send. See Section IV under miscellaneous for example of vivid descriptions, action/vivid verbs, and examples of strong versus bland adverbs/adjectives.

Tone

Enthusiastic narratives convince readers the ratee is a valued contributor. Sedate reports do not. Writing in active voice helps convey a sense of enthusiasm because it emphasizes what the "doer," (the ratee) accomplished, but tone is primarily a matter of word choice and phrasing. The number and degree of superlatives, or the lack of them provides variations in tone, as do exclamation points and phrases set off by double bullets!

Helpful Hints

Do not cross the border from enthusiastic to trite or cute. Consider these examples:

"A walk-on-water kind of guy!"

(This says nothing relevant about the ratee's skills and may offend some people.)

"Firmly convinced he could nail Jell-O to the wall and make it stick if I asked him to!"

(Enthusiastic, but like the previous example, it does not provide credible documentation.)

Appearance Counts

- Misspellings, typos, badly smudged documents, and misaligned bullet statements give readers a poor impression.
- ❖ A minimalist approach can have a very dramatic impact, positive or negative.
 - * Reports with large empty spaces stand out.
 - ❖ However bold, definitive statements supported by sufficient facts, will impress anyone who reads it
- Squeezing too much data into a block or manipulating the words simply to fill space also hurts a report.

Section II - Unit Mission Description describes the primary responsibilities of the unit. It is prepared and maintained by the unit and approved by the reviewer. The unit mission description is the same for every member in the unit. (*Limit this section to FOUR lines*)

Section III - Job Description is the ratee's duty title describing key duties, tasks, and the responsibilities which help put the ratee's performance in perspective. The purpose of the job description is to explain duties performed and the officer's level of responsibility. Don't make the mistake of underestimating the importance of this section of the OPR. This is your opportunity to put the importance of what your officer does into perspective with others in their peer group.

The following concepts will assist in preparing a strong job description:

This section is designed specifically for the rater to document performance unique to the officer's primary duties. Some promotion board members depend on this section of the OPR to provide the most telling information about the individual that they are evaluating. This is largely due to the OPR's design--here the rater documents the ratee's primary duty performance and how it contributed to, or detracted from, accomplishment of the unit mission. Since this section is limited to NINE lines, it is critical to choose words and phrases which are concise and action oriented. Answer the question, how important is this person to the mission of the unit? Show impact. When deciding what to write in this section, keep the following in mind - The rater

writes concise narrative comments in "bullet" format with no more than three lines per bullet. Use specific examples to demonstrate impact of actions.

- ➤ Begin your bullets with strong, action-oriented words.
- ➤ Don't use valuable space with lead-in titles for bullets.
- ➤ Use multiple examples to demonstrate impact and results.
- ➤ Don't reference personal or additional-duty achievements unless they're job related; they may send a strong negative signal.

Section V - Performance Factors: These six factors are qualities and skills required of all officers in the performance of their duties.

Section VI - Rater Overall Assessment: Rater comments on additional accomplishments related to the unit mission, assesses the potential based on performance, and makes other comments, explanations, and recommendations. The rater will include the date the last feedback session was performed or the reason(s) feedback was not performed.

Section VII - Additional Rater Overall Assessment: The additional rater has a broader perspective from which to compare overall performance and performance-based potential. The additional rater will mark concur or non-concur blocks.

Section VIII - Reviewer: The reviewer uses this section to indicate concurrence or non-concurrence with the additional rater's comments. Comments are entered only when the reviewer non-concurs with the additional rater or if the report is referral.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD IMPACT ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

IV. IMPACT ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Led implementation team for first new hands-on satellite training in AETC
- -- Improved 22 checklists, 19 scenarios and standardization of instruction
- -- Tested and implemented two new modules for the General Satellite Model simulator
- Enhanced management of curriculum development, producing higher quality courseware
- -- Reduced manning in Curriculum Development Section by 40%, redefining responsibilities
- -- Organized curriculum area instructor teams to develop and refine subject matter
- Initiated several efficiency measures that overcame a 3 month, 20% instructor shortage
- -- Maintained quality instruction during a 25% student increase
- -- Effective use of existing resources in UST-STAFF course resulted in validation
- Managed outstanding heating, ventilation and air conditioning HVAC program
- -- Replaced 21 systems, increased reliability by 50%, and cut utility consumption 10%
- -- Squadron won Clifton D. Wright Award for best HVAC system in HQ AETC
- Directed critical operational major overhaul of obsolete generator systems
- -- Work completed with no interruption to flying training
- -- Reliability increased by 60%; extended life of system another 10 years
- Proposed and implemented a unique civil engineering telephone action line
- -- Reduced wing Action Line complaints by 50%

-- Improved customer relations by reducing CE reaction time to satisfy complaints

EXAMPLES OF WEAK IMPACT ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

IV IMPACT ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Developed a dialysis capability for the medical readiness program for USAF Surgeon General
- Appointed to the Board of Directors of the South Texas Organ Bank
- Appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University
- Continued to develop protocols both locally, regionally and nationally in collaboration with other military and civilian investigators
- Remains one of the most productive investigators in the division
- Published original articles, reviews, and book chapters at a rate unsurpassed by any other service chief in this department
- Lacks impact. We know what this officer did but not how well he/she did it or how it impacted the mission.
- Selected as wing chief of flying safety in the wake of a complete office turnover less than 2 months before a command unit effectiveness inspection
- -- Achieved an "Excellent" rating despite limited preparation time
- Enthusiasm and imagination sparked significant improvements in safety program
 - -- Totally renovated spot inspection program--is easier to implement and provides improved feedback to to the users
 - -- Flying safety program overwhelmingly rated "excellent" to "outstanding" on student end-of-course critiques
- Cited on numerous student critiques as an exceptional pilot
- Many achievements but little or no impact on mission

EXAMPLES OF GOOD RATER'S ASSESSMENTS

- XXX is my best of four squadron supervisors--Ops Group Supervisor of the Quarter
 - -- Flight commander quality team member--devoted to enhancing the mission by improving supervision
 - Revamped squadron operations policies--clarified procedures and eliminated word-ofmouth directives
 - -- Innovative leader--hails each class as group; motivates through positive discipline--they consistently excel
- Truly outstanding instructor pilot (IP)--19 AF commander rated him commendable on no notice IP check, then commented, "We're privileged to have such talent teaching our fledgling aviators the ropes"
- Unflappable--engine compressor stall, international student in front seat--safely recovered aircraft

- Base CFC Project Officer; 185% of goal;\$365,000 raised; best effort in 3 years
- Dynamic supervisor--definitely in top 10% of my IPs; future tactical aviation leader--select for ISS

Relative ranking among peers \$ Amounts all can relate to

VI. RATER OVERALL ASSESSMENT

- Solid gold performer! Ranks in top 10% of a select group of superstars (over 100 field graders)
- Superbly bridged 5-week gap between departure of previous commander and my arrival--it was seamless
- Terrific "people person"--brightens work environment; knows interpersonal dynamics and how to mold a team to get best results--effectively makes a small staff of 4 work like 10 or 15...to support over 800!
 - -- Tireless worker. Key to making over 100 DV visits, including 2 CSAF and 1 CJCS, smooth as silk
- Priceless during civilian furlough; loss of key staff was transparent, despite multiple high-level DV visits
- The #1 writer at ACSC--of over 150 field graders; as good as any I've seen in my 24 years
- My right hand...my right arm. I depend on his insight and advice every day. Perfect sounding board
- Bright, bright future ahead! Make him a squadron commander now, then straight to Air War College
 - Relative ranking, descriptive, tells how well he did
- In 18 years, the top officer I supervised; organization and professionalism are his trademarks
- -- Given a problem he gets immediate results; developed quick reference scholarship fact sheets
- Selected as the Northwest Region Company Grade Officer of the Quarter--third quarter 1994
- Always eager to help; he received a letter of appreciation from the Dean of Admissions for his valuable insights while participating in their forum, Strategy for Diversification Enrollment
- Because of his efforts, AFROTC had an entry in the 1994 Homecoming Parade, resulting in positive exposure for the program while motivating cadets, who are already planning next year's entry
- Coordinated Army/Air Force participation in the local military affairs committee--enhancing jointness
- My top officer. A leader, a role model, and a professional. Send to ACSC without fail!
- Highlights recognition and earned Super "PUSH" line

VII. ADDITIONAL RATER OVERALL ASSESSMENT

- Capt Doe is the 12 FTW Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year
- Superb leadership results: 19 AF Outstanding Passenger Service Operation of the Year -- Total Quality Management program produced significant improvements in service
- MAJCOM's best--selected as AETC Company Grade Transportation Officer of the Year
- Capt Doe has clearly demonstrated the potential for command; ISS in residence is a must

- Good emphasis on recognition-conveys exceptional leadership and duty performance
- Bullets are concise, with hard-hitting facts

VEILED PROMOTION STATEMENTS

As a general rule, prohibited promotion statements are any comments comparing an individual to officers of higher rank, or alluding to a higher ranking position. All such comments are prohibited. The term "senior" is specifically prohibited since it is commonly used when referring to colonels or general officers.

While it is impossible for us to provide an all-inclusive list of prohibited statements, some examples we found are:

- "Lt Col ____ is senior officer material." (The term "senior" is reserved for colonel and above)
 "Capt ____ has excelled in a major's billet." (Refers to a rank higher than the one the individual currently holds.)
 "Major ____ should be a group commander now." (Recommends the individual for a position two grades higher than the ratee-not normal progression.)
- > "Capt is ready for our toughest field grade jobs." (Compares a company
- > grade officer with higher ranking (field grade) officers.)
- ➤ "Already performing above her current position." (Refers to higher grade.)

While promotion statements are prohibited, an evaluator may make recommendations to select officers for a particular assignment, PME, augmentation, continuation, or conditional reserve status (IAW AFI 36-2402, Figure 3.2, line 17). There is a fine line between an assignment recommendation and an implied promotion statement. When making an assignment recommendation, there may be no reference to a higher grade. The reference must be consistent with the officer's appropriate professional career progression; this includes command recommendation.

Some acceptable examples are:

- "Make Capt ____ an MPF Chief." (Appropriate next level of progression)
- > "Send Major _____ to SSS." (Appropriate PME progression)
- > "Make him an Ops Group Commander." (On a Lt Col OPR)
- > "After SSS, assign to Air Staff." (Appropriate PME with follow-on assignment)

Examples of unacceptable statements are:

- > "Make Lt ____ an MSS Commander." (Inappropriate next level of progression)
- ➤ "Send Capt ____ to ISS after selection to major." (Reference to ISS is
- > appropriate, but cannot imply promotion by saying "After selection to major")
- "Senior Service School in '95, Group Commander in '96, Wing Commander in '98."
 (Goes beyond the scope of the next assignment)

Broad-reaching statements should be avoided unless the rater has the experience/knowledge to support that claim. For example, instead of saying "Number one maintenance officer in the Air Force" a more appropriate and realistic comment might be to say "My top captain" or "The best transportation officer I've worked with in my 22 years in the Air Force." One of the responsibilities of the reviewer (outlined in AFI 36-2402, para 3.3.3) is to ensure OPRs are accurate, unbiased, and uninflated. He/she should return any reports not meeting these guidelines to the rater and additional rater for reconsideration.

An OPR that contains one of the following ratings is a referral report:

Any performance factors in Section V marked "Does Not Meet Standards." Any comments in the OPR that refer to behavior incompatible with minimum standards of personal conduct, character, integrity, or misrepresentation of facts in official statement or documents, serious mismanagement of personal or government affairs, unsatisfactory progress in the Weight Management Program or Fitness Improvement Training Program, confirmed incidents of discrimination or mistreatment, illegal use or possession of drugs, AWOL, etc.

If the OPR is referral:

EXPLAIN THE INCIDENT - Do not use comments such as "Due to a recent off-duty incident, this officer's potential is limited"--this is not a sufficient statement. Fully explain the behavior of the incident. If there is any question whether the report is referral, it should be referred. The final decision of whether or not to refer the OPR is up to the evaluators and the ratee's unit commander.

Who Refers a Report: Any evaluator whose ratings or comments cause the report to be referral.

Processing a Referral OPR: (Referring Evaluator):

- > Hand delivers a copy of the report with letter to the ratee. Documents ratee receipt; the ratee must acknowledge receipt of the hand-delivered referral letter. If the ratee is geographically separated, send the referral report with letter to the ratee by certified mail with a return receipt.
- > Sends the original of the report with a copy of the referral memo to the evaluator named in the letter.
- ➤ Makes sure the referral letter contains: the referral OPR or Training Report comment(s)/rating(s) that make(s) the report referral, and specifically why the report is being referred.

Action by the Ratee:

- > Comments on the report with endorsement to referral letter.
- > Prepares the endorsement in the required copies for OPR processing (usually four).
- ➤ Sends the OPR and the referral letter with endorsement to reach the evaluator named in the referral letter not later than 10 (30 for non-EAD officers) calendar days after receipt of the referral letter. If needed, the ratee may request more time from the evaluator named in the referral letter.

Action by Evaluator Named in Referral Letter:

- ➤ Carefully considers the ratee's comments. The evaluator named in the referral letter must include the statement "I have carefully considered (ratee's name) comments to the referral letter of (date)" in the OPR.
- ➤ If the comments are not received from the ratee within 10 calendar days (30 for non-EAD officers) after the ratee received the referral letter, plus any approved extension, include the statement "Comments from ratee were requested but were not received within the required period." After completing this action, resume normal processing of the OPR.
- ➤ When the reviewer has caused the OPR to be referred (has made referral comments or entered a rating of "Does Not Meet Standards"), the next evaluator in the rating chain (as named in the referral letter) will, upon receipt of the ratee's comments, prepare an endorsement to the OPR on an AF Form 77.

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One Page Guide for Writing OPRs

- Blocks I and II are predetennined, based upon the rating chain and unit of assignment at the close out date Block III is written in present tense prose, with slbe being the implied subject for all sentences.
- Block IV is written in bullets. For the most part each bullet should have two clauses: action clause and impact clause. This is occasionally done as an action bullet and an impact sub-bullet.

Hints: With rare exception there should not be more than one sub-bullet attached to any primary bullet With rare exception, each line should be a primary bullet or sub-bullet, avoid wrap-arounds Fill out the line as completely as possible, over four spaces may be excessive "white space" Avoid using acronyms that are not universal to the Air Force, instead provide a description (e.g. NTI is not well understood outside of this wing, let alone by pilots, maintainers, etc.)

A void using names of operations, instead describe the operation for the reader 5 years from now (e.g. few readily recall Operation ALLIED FORCE, but most remember the Kosovo War)

- Blocks VI and VII are also written in bullets. These bullets will either be similar to those in block IV, or will have an opening descriptor (e.g. "Superb leader") to help frame the word picture being created.

Hints: Same as for block IV, plus the following:

Opening line should include stratification (more important in block VII)

(e.g. #1 of xxx - depending upon the size of the pool can have #2, maybe #3) At least one line in each block should focus on leadership

Include mention of awards, typically done in opening or closing lines

Closing line for each block should include assignment recommendation Closing line for each block should include school recommendation

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The PRF (AF Form 709) is used to assess an officer's performance-based potential and used by the senior rater to communicate a promotion recommendation to the Central Selection Board. It is clearly the single most important document in the officer's selection folder. PRFs are NOT a permanent part of the ratee's record. All PRFs are removed from the officer's personnel folder 30 days after the Central Selection Board; however, AFPC keeps a copy on microfiche.

Tips to Consider When Writing a PRF:

- Consider performance-based potential; the assessed capability of an officer to serve in a higher grade as demonstrated by performance in his or her current position and in past jobs or positions.
- Consider the level of duty performance, demonstrated expertise in a multitude of skills important to the Air Force officer (e.g., leadership, team building, decision making, communication, organizational skills, etc.), and the willingness to go beyond what is specifically required of the job.
- Paint a picture using action words to convey the message-use BULLET statements.

Who Assesses Potential?

The senior rater is solely responsible for awarding promotion recommendations and completing PRFs. He or she has personal knowledge, or access to knowledge, of both the officer's most recent and cumulative performance.

** For majors and below, the senior rater must be at least a colonel (or equivalent) serving as a wing commander or equivalent. For lieutenant colonels, the senior rater must be a general officer (or equivalent) or a brigadier general select occupying a funded general officer billet. The senior rater will be the first general officer/brigadier general select in the rating chain.

Preparing the PRF:

The senior rater completes the PRF no earlier than 60 days before the selection board (see AFI 36-2402, Chapter 4, Figure 4.1) for detailed instructions.

Sections I, II, and III: These sections are essentially the same as their respective sections on the OPR. Duty title MUST match the PRF notice provided by the MPF. If a discrepancy occurs, action must be taken by the rater to ensure the MPF submits a request to AFPC for a title change.

Section IV: This section explains to the promotion board what makes the officer qualified for promotion and supports the recommendation given in Section IX.

Things to Consider:

- Senior raters may consider Advanced Academic Degree (AAD) information on eligibles when preparing PRFs and awarding DP recommendations, but they may not comment on enrollment in or completion of AAD on the PRF, except for extraordinary achievement; ie. Distinguished Graduate, or graduation with honors, etc.
- ➤ DO NOT make comments concerning prior PRF recommendations.
- ➤ MANDATORY USE BULLET FORMAT: The bullets should capture accomplishments throughout the officer's career which bear on promotion. For junior officers, the bullets should concentrate on job performance and depth of experience. For more senior officers, the bullets should blend performance in the primary duty area and broader career accomplishments.

Section V: This entry indicates whether the PRF was accomplished for a Below-the-Promotion-Zone (BPZ) officer or an officer in the In/Above-the-Promotion Zone (I/APZ) category.

Section VI: In most cases, this section will be marked N/A. Senior raters will be notified when additional information is required.

Section VII: The board identification information is included on the PRF notice the senior rater receives from the MPF.

Section VIII: The senior rater ID is a 5-digit code used to identify the position of the senior rater. It also is provided on the PRF notice.

Section IX: The senior rater can make one of three recommendations: "Definitely Promote (DP)"; "Promote (P)"; or "Do Not Promote This Board (DNP)."

Each senior rater is entitled to a specific number of "Definitely Promote" recommendations based on the BPZ or IPZ population. A "DP" recommendation conveys to the selection board the senior rater's opinion that the strength of the officer's record of performance warrants promotion with minimum regard to broader considerations. A "Promote" recommendation means the officer is fully qualified for promotion and should compete on the basis of both performance and broader considerations. A "Promote" means just that; the senior rater believes the officer should be promoted. A "Do Not Promote This Board" is self-explanatory; however, if an officer has a date of separation, an approved retirement date, or is unsure about career intent, this DOES NOT necessarily detract from performance-based potential, and should not be the "sole" consideration for a "Do Not Promote this Board" recommendation.

Section X: The senior rater's name, grade, organization, duty title, SSN, and signature are entered in this section.

NOTE: The senior rater identification code (e.g., 0J880) is the driving force for the PRF signature. If a senior rater has signed a PRF and then PCSs after the PRF cutoff date, the new senior rater can reaccomplish and sign the PRF if changes are required. The new senior rater will attend the Management Level Review (MLR) if he or she has officers competing at the MLR for a DP. If a senior rater PCSs and the new senior rater is not on station, the officer filling in MUST be appointed on general orders to perform senior rater responsibilities.

Below the Zone "Promote" PRFs:

Only the senior rater will determine if there will be comments on Below-the-Promotion-Zone (BPZ) PRFs with a "Promote" recommendation.

Narrative-Only PRFs:

Narrative-only PRFs (AFI 36-2402, Chapter 4, para 4.2) are required on all officers being reassigned PCS as a permanent party student, regardless of promotion zone. Do not complete PRFs on captains who will have less than 3 years time in grade as a captain on completion of schooling.

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Other PRF writing guides:

- Statements must be derived from the OPR
- Stratification statement
- Include statement of awards, especially AF/MAJCOM level
- Include school DG distinctions

PRF/OPR FEEDBACK LT COL BOARD

Some Do's and Don'ts:

It is very important to stratify in OPRs...e.g., "my #2 of 43 officers"...to highlight and identify your top performers!

Stratify also in PRFs...e.g., "my #3 BPZ" or "my #3 IPZ"

On PRF use hard-hitting facts, then quote from previous OPRs...e.g., succeeded where others failed--" saved X dollars"

Always use #1 as often as possible...not "number one"!

Suggest also using quotes from Chain of Command..e.g., LG/CC says "easily top 1 % of all LG majors (#)"

Avoid vague comments in the PRF:

If you use two lines, don't use for a short period (e.g., deployment) (you only have 9 lines for a career!)

In the OPR...use the last line for hard-hitting comments; not for the finish line of the previous bullet

Overused comments:

"Finest officer; blue chip officer; stellar; first rate; absolutely tops; exceptional; continue to challenge

standout performer; rock solid; one of my go-to officers; ace staffer; rising star; top tier; none finer; no job too tough; platinum; white hot; hit the ground running" (If used, they should be substantiated with the facts...cannot stand alone)

Comments used in PRF/OPRs: (seemingly effective/innovative)

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"My #1 candidate in any zone..."
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[&]quot;A leader of incredible breadth--. ..."

[&]quot;Impact leader--gets results--. ..."

[&]quot;My fire and forget weapon--."

[&]quot;My #2/34 Majs" (if short on space)

[&]quot;Leader with a purpose!"

[&]quot;Commander's commander--leads, coaches, force multiplier, ..."

[&]quot;Phenomenal officer--top 2% of all officers in my XX years as a -- "

[&]quot;Eye-watering record--exudes confidence and excellence. ..."

[&]quot;Drives results--SQ/CC was spot on! Groom for GP/CC--definitely promote!"

[&]quot;Tested hard--passed brilliantly. ..."

[&]quot;No better officer...anywhere!"

[&]quot;MVP from day 1!"

[&]quot;My next DP" or "If I had one more DP...X would have it!"

[&]quot;You need to really scrutinize this record...deserves a 10!"

[&]quot;Hear me: even stronger than record...top 10% talent!"

[&]quot;In the top 10% of 04s I've seen in 27 years!"

[&]quot;Give me ten more like him...I'd serve with him anytime, anywhere!"

[&]quot;Look closely: leadership his hallmark, excellence the norm!"

Lt Col Board Comments cont.

- "DP from day--..."
- "Top 1 % of every assignment!"
- "My most talented FGO-leader, instructor, mentor...top loggie-leads from the front"
- "Warrior- Leader for the 21st Century"
- "Pile driver behind. ..."
- "Multiple CGOQs..."
- "Put a tough job on his radar scope, and you can take it off yours!"
- "We're all looking for this guy to work for us-he'll be running a large part of the AF someday!"
- "Reserve a slot for ICAF" (or NWC etc)
- "If any other FGO sounds better, I've failed to be clear-XXX is the best there is!" or "If another sounds better, its my fault!"
- "If you're saving your #IO-give it up now!"
- "Absolutely peerless officer, aviator, exec, cmdr!"
- "Backbone of a lion, savvy of a diplomat-XXX has no equal!"
- "Tenacious problem-solver:..."
- "Broke the code on making things happen--..."
- "AF leader-I've never supervised a more aggressive and competent officer!"
- "Absolute superstar--Top l%--has succeeded at all levels: unit, MAJCOM, Joint, ..."
- "Responds magnificently to pressure and responsibility; always kept us out in front!"
- "If I go to war, I want XXX in the lead and so do you!"
- "One of my top 2 support 04's! -Off to do handsprings as CC"
- "Hear me: even stronger than his record...top 2% talent!"
- "My #1 DP BPZ--dazzling aviator and leader--#l in all he does!"
- "Exemplary! Sharp, honest professional-XXX always operates consistently two steps ahead of his peers!"
- "11 on a scale of 10! Officer of the highest caliber-records read like Who's Who of AF leadership!"
- "Eye-watering squadron commander! Easy choice for BPZ...make it happen: DP then NDU"
- "I'll make this simple...A+ in every area-brilliantly successful in most diverse division-unlimited future!"
- "Leadership A + ...xxx is at the pinnacle of my FGOs; his performance ensures success..."
- "I have 30 BPZ 04 's...XXX is #1! Ready for Sq CC and much more...DP, SSS, then JS/JS!"
- "Officer of the year! Leadership A+, potential A+, initiative A+, ...questions?!"
- "I depend on XXX so much that when he sneezes, I get a cold-he personifies the model exec!"
- "In a roomful of standout AO's, XXX shines brightest for..."
- "A thoroughbred running full stride-command written allover him!"
- "Pure gold! Gutsy, incisive leadership!" XXX/DO
- "I want XXX to command a sq in my wing! DP this phenomenal superstar and score "10" for inresidence SSS!"
- "Outstanding results-oriented leader with a capitol "L " -exceptional performance at the MAJCOM level!"
- "All the adjectives apply-Major xxx exemplifies follow-me leadership!"
- "If I could pick only one for a difficult task it would be XXX-boundless talent!"
- "Never a doubt...the equation is simple: problem + xxx =solution!"
- "Nerves of steel-rare talent!"
- "Read this carefully: SOS DG, 9 OPRs say she's #1!"

Stratification in OPRs/PRFs is the most powerful tool to highlight to board members your top performers

Individual awards (e.g., Leo Marquez, FGO yr,)-- very important and must be highlighted to the max!

PRF sets the tone of the officer's record; say it with enthusiasm!

For the PRF: Top and bottom lines must be powerful and stratify if possible (e.g., #1of 123, 1% of all Major's I know); be willing to back the PRF with a very strong top OPR)

The top and bottom lines of OPR rater and indorsor blocks must also be well-written and strong...stratify here also as these lines sum up your assessment of the officer and is the first place the board goes to look for consistency to growth in the officer's performance

- ❖ If your next DP would have gone to a particular candidate...say so! Be honest and don't abuse the statement..."my #1 IPZ promote of 28" is also effective
- * Recommendations for command are good and important; use of "challenge" and "greater responsibility" are also telling, but negatively
- ❖ Assist civilians and raters from other Services in writing your OPR/PRFs; if amenable, offer up a rough draft
- ❖ Write a letter to the board if there is any oddity in your record that needs to be explained (e.g., your record does not reflect your recent Masters Degree); keep it short and don't whine!
- Some PRFs highlighted many CGO accomplishments, then dries up on FGOs more recent accomplishments; comes across as a negative trend
- ❖ Its great if you get a "DP"...but remember...board members still expect to see a record that supports promotion...the record is still scored against your peers and must be competitive. There are IPZ DPs that are not promoted!
- Senior raters are recommending SSS and/or CC tour for almost ALL...they need to make the tough calls

[&]quot;Top 5% of my star-studded cast of Majors (15)!"

[&]quot;#2 of 42 in...! Highly capable leader, professional, top choice for CC!"

[&]quot;Lapped his peers! Outstanding drive..."

[&]quot;Riding a big wave to AF stardom-XXX has..."

[&]quot;5 star performer and leader...real force enhancer!"

[&]quot;Finest cyber warrior I've seen in my 19 year career!"

[&]quot;#1 promote! Ready for Lt Col now...I'd stake my reputation on him! DP now and SSS!"

SAMPLE

	PROMOTION	RECOMMENDATION		
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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING DECORATIONS

- ❖ When submitting decoration packages to the 70th Intelligence Wing the following information must be included in the package:
 - Completed checklist
 - Decoration
 - EPRs covering the inclusive dates of the decoration/any other medals from inclusive dates
 - DÉCOR 6 (filled out)
 - Group Commander's push note
- ❖ The 373 IG and 543 IG should email the decoration to portiah.leacock@ft-meade.af.mil and maria.lancaster@ft-meade.af.mil (694 IG should provide a hardcopy form).
- ❖ Please fax the above supporting documentation to DSN 622-0205.
- ❖ Once we receive all the above documentation, we will review and send any corrections back to the groups to correct. Once the corrected decoration is sent to CCEA we will print decoration onto a form for the 373 IG and 543 IG.
- ❖ Once the decoration is signed, it will be forwarded to 694 IG/DPMPE to type orders and mail out certificates to the groups.

AFCM on:	
(insert last	name)

70th Intelligence Wing Air Force Commendation Medal Submittal Checklist

These are minimum standards. Any AFCM not complying with this checklist will be returned.

STEP	DÉCOR 6	COMPLETED
	Completed Date (when signed by the squadron commander)	
<u> </u>	Complete items 1A - 1H (MUST BE TYPED) Notes: a) 1B must state Basic	
	or 10LC, 20LC, 30LC etc., b) if separating, retiring, or PCSing, complete	* .
,	1H, otherwise, put N/A, c) AFAM is not appropriate for retirement	[
	If unit, station of assignment, or grade at time of act, achievement, or service	
	is different that at present, then list in 2D-2F Otherwise, put N/A	
	Complete items 3 and 4: put N/A for item 3 if not applicable. Circle YES or NO for item 4.	
	Review all information in item 5; reconsider if poor EPR rating, UIF exists, etc.	ļ
- 3	If questionable circumstances exist (discipline, etc.) include letter of justification	
ے ا	for chain of command	1
	Item 8, cross through DO NOT RECOMMEND if submitting for award	
8	Supervisor and commander sign and date	
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STEP	CERTIFICATE	COMPLETED
	If not first AFCM, center top and bottom, left and right, (FIRST OAK LEAF	
9	CLUSTER), (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER), ETC., between THE AIR FORCE	
	ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL and HAS BEEN AWARDED TO	
	Complete rank spelled out, first name, middle initial, last name is centered left	
1 1	and right, top and bottom, between HAS BEEN AWARDED TO and FOR.	
10	(Example: TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOHN J. DOE)	<u> </u>
	Center top and bottom, left and right, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT or	1
	MERITORIOUS SERVICE and inclusive dates between FOR and	
	ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	
11	MERITORIOUS SERVICE	
	30 JUNE 2000 TO 30 JUNE 2001	
	Opening Sentence:	
	a) MERITORIOUS SERVICE:	
12	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	meritorious service, as duty title, unit of assignment OR,	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	meritorious service, while assigned to unit of assignment	
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	b) OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT or ACT OF COURAGE:	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	by outstanding achievement, at or near location	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	by an act of courage, at or near location	
	Left and right margins are (1" to 2); Times New Roman 10,11, or 12 pitch; all print is level;	1
13	no smudges; no abbreviations or acronyms; justify opening/closing sentences and	
	narrative.	
14	Closing sentence:	†

MSM on:		
(insert las	t name)	

70th Intelligence Wing Meritorious Service Medal Submittal Checklist

These are minimum standards. Any MSM not complying with this checklist will be returned.

STEP	DÉCOR 6	COMPLETED
1	Completed Date (when signed by the squadron commander)	
	Complete items 1A - 1H (MUST BE TYPED) Notes: a) 1B must state Basic	
	or 1OLC, 2OLC, 3OLC etc., b) if separating, retiring, or PCSing, complete	
2	1H, otherwise, put N/A, c) AFAM is not appropriate for retirement	
-	If unit, station of assignment, or grade at time of act, achievement, or service	
3	is different that at present, then list in 2D-2F Otherwise, put N/A	
	Complete items 3 and 4: put N/A for item 3 if not applicable. Circle YES or NO for item 4.	
	Review all information in item 5; reconsider if poor EPR rating, UIF exists, etc.	1
	If questionable circumstances exist (discipline, etc.) include letter of justification	
6	for chain of command	
	Item 8, cross through DO NOT RECOMMEND if submitting for award	
	Supervisor and commander sign and date	
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TEP	CERTIFICATE	COMPLETED
	If not first MSM, center top and bottom, left and right, (FIRST OAK LEAF	1
9	CLUSTER), (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER), ETC., between THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE	1
·	MEDAL TO	
	Complete rank spelled out, first name, middle initial, last name is centered left	<u> </u>
	and right, top and bottom, between HAS BEEN AWARDED TO and FOR.	1
10	(Example: TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOHN J. DOE)	
	Center top and bottom, left and right, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT or	_
	MERITORIOUS SERVICE and inclusive dates between FOR and	
	ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	
11	MERITORIOUS SERVICE	
11	30 JUNE 2000 TO 30 JUNE 2001	
	Opening Sentence:	<u> </u>
	a) MERITORIOUS SERVICE:	
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12	performance of outstanding service to the United States, as duty title, unit of	
	assignment OR,	
	Death floor and a state to the last areas distinguished by the same of the sam	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself in the	
	performance of outstanding service to the United States while assigned to unit of	
	assignment	
	b) OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT or ACT OF COURAGE:	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	by outstanding achievement, at or near location	
	Rank, first name, middle initial, last name distinguished himself/herself by	
	by an act of courage, at or near location on date.	
	Left and right margins are (1" to 2); Times New Roman 10,11, or 12 pitch; all print is level;	
12	no smudges; no abbreviations or acronyms; justify opening/closing sentences and	
13	narrative. NO MORE THAN 13 LINES	

14	Closing sentence:	
	a) FOR PCS/PCA/EXT TOUR/ACH/HEROISM/ACT OF COURAGE	
	The distinctive accomplishments of partial rank and surname reflect credit upon	
	himself/herself and the United States Air Force.	
	b) FOR SEPARATION:	
	The distinctive accomplishments of partial rank and surname while serving his/her	
	country reflect credit upon himself/herself and the United States Air Force.	
	c) FOR RETIREMENT:	
	The distinguished accomplishments of partial rank and surname culminate a distinguished	
	career in the service of his/her country and reflect great credit upon herself/himself and the	1 .
	United States Air Force.	
	d) Refer to AFI 36-3803, A4.5 for closing sentences for Posthumous and Retirement for	
	30 years.	
15	Signature block is typed directly under signature line:	
		*
	HAROLD J. BEATTY, Colonel, USAF	
	Commander	
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70th INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC) FORT GEORGE G. MEADE MARYLAND



Colonel James O. Poss 70 IW/CC 9805 Love Road, Suite 213 Fort George G. Meade MD 20755-5260

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Doe 301 IG/CC 880 Dove Road, Suite 52 Fort John Austin TX 12345-1111

Dear Colonel Doe

Please pass on my congratulations to Major Samuel Smith who was selected as a member of the Air Force baseball team. I have enclosed a personal letter addressed to Major Smith.

This is a wonderful accomplishment and I applaud his efforts. Keep doing tremendous things for the 70th Intelligence Wing and the Air Force.

Sincerely

JAMES O. POSS, Colonel, USAF Commander

II. INFORMATION ONLY

Personal letters are really official memos prepared in a personal style. They are appropriate for welcome letters, letters of appreciation, letters of condolence, or any other occasion when a situation might be better handled in a personal manner. See page 136 of Tongue and Quill for more details.

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70th INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC) FORT GEORGE G. MEADE MARYLAND

MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/DO ATTENTION: LT COL DOE

FROM: 70 IW/CC

9805 Love Road, Suite 213

Fort George G. Meade MD 20755-5260

SUBJECT: Instruction for Preparing the Official Memorandum

1. This example shows the arrangement of preparing for the official memorandum.

2. The style of writing is yours. For some helpful guidelines see page 86 of the Tongue and Quill. However, when writing for someone else's signature, try to write as though that person was speaking. Be succinct, use active voice and keep it short (one page, if possible). Include extensive background material as an attachment rather than within the memo itself. Ensure type is 12-pitch/Times New Roman.

JAMES O. POSS, Colonel, USAF Commander

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(As of 30 November 2000)

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ACCEPTABLE ACRONYMS

ACC	Air Combat Command	MILCON	military construction
ACSC	Air Command & Staff College	MOA	memorandum of agreement
ADPE	automated data processing	MPF	military personnel flight
ADIL		NAF	numbered air force
A = =	equipment		
AEF	Aerospace Expeditionary Force	NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
AF	Air Force	NCO	noncommissioned officer
AFB	Air Force Base	NCOIC	noncommissioned officer in charge
AFI	Air Force Instruction	NORAD	North American Aerospace
AFIT	Air Force Institute of Technology		Defense Command
AFPC	Air Force Personnel Center	NWC	National War College
AFRES	Air Force Reserve	OIC	officer in charge
AFROTC	AF reserve officer training corps	OPLAN	operation plan
AIA	Air Intelligence Agency	OPR	officer performance report/office
AIB	accident investigation board		of primary responsibility
ALS	Airmen Leadership School	OPS	operations
ANG	Air National Guard	OPSEC	operations security
AOC	air operations center	OPTEMPO	operating tempo
AOR	area of responsibility	ORE	operational readiness evaluation
ARC	air reserve components	ORI	operational readiness inspection
ATO	air tasking order	OSI	Office of Special Investigation
AWC	Air War College	PACAF	Pacific Air Forces
BTZ	Below the Zone	PACOM	Pacific Command
CC	commander	PCS	permanent change of station
CCAF	Community College of the Air	PDS	personnel data system
	Force	PERSTEMPO	personnel tempo
CCS	Commander Support Staff	PFW	performance feedback worksheet
CDC	career development course	PME	professional military education
CINC	commander in chief	RAF	Royal Air Force (UK)
CIV	civilian	ROE	rules of engagement
COMACC	Commander, Air Combat	ROK	Republic of Korea
	Command	SAV	staff assistance visit
COMSEC	communications security	SECAF	Secretary of the Air Force
CONOPS	concept of operations	SecDef	Secretary of Defense
CONPLAN	operation plan in concept format	SJA	Staff Judge Advocate
CONUS	continental United States	SKT	specialty knowledge test
CSAF	Chief of Staff, US Air Force	SIPRNET	SECRET Internet Protocol
CY	calendar year		Router Network
DoD	Department of Defense	SNCO	senior noncommissioned officer
DRU	Direct Reporting Unit	SOFA	status-of-forces agreement
EAD	Extended Active Duty	SOS	Squadron Officer School
EOT	equal opportunity and treatment	SPCM	Special court-martial
EPR	enlisted performance report	SQ	squadron
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FOA	Field Operating Agency	SSB	Special Selection Board
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	SSS	Senior Service School
FY	fiscal year	SWA	Southwest Asia
GP	Group	TDY	temporary duty
HQ	Headquarters	TIG	time in grade
HHQ	Higher Headquarters	TIS	time in service
IAW	in accordance with	UCMJ	Uniformed Code of Military Justice
IG	inspector general	UN	United Nations
IMA	individual mobilization augmentee	US	United States
IO	investigating officer	USAF	United States Air Force
ISS	intermediate service school	USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
JA	judge advocate	USFK	United States Forces Korea
JAG	judge advocate general	USJFCOM	United States Joint Forces Command
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff	USN	United States Navy
JTF	joint task force	WG	wing
LAN	local area network	WMP	Weight Management Program
LOAC	law of armed conflict	WAPS	Weight Management Program Weighted Airman Promotion System
MAJCOM	major command	WAIO	Wongined Airman Fromotion System
MEDEVAC	medical evacuation		

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RECURRING SUSPENSES

Below is a list of recurring suspenses due to the 70 IW/CCEA from the 373 IG, 543 IG and 694 IG:

- 1) Alpha Rosters (CCEA will pull the roster for the 694 IG) due the first duty day of each month
- 2) Monthly personnel status worksheets due the first Friday of each month, and briefed 3rd Wed of each month.
- 3) All inputs for the weekly Wing staff meeting due by end of day the Monday prior to the staff meeting (any late inputs will not be updated until the following week)

70 IW Command Section Correspondence Process

